ROBOT×LASERBEAM

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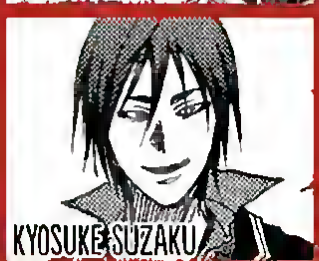
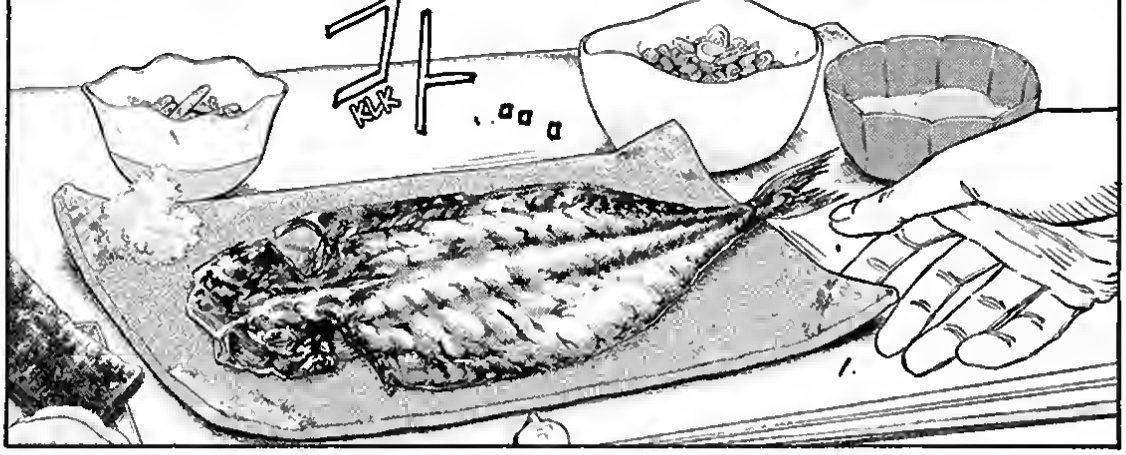
Robato Hatohara, a stupidly serious, creepily thorough and socially clueless high school boy, appears to have no interest in anything—including joining his friend Tomoya in the golf club. But when it's discovered that his perfect accuracy and calculations enable him to golf like a practiced professional, will he be able to escape playing golf?



PREVIOUSLY IN *ROBOT×LASERBEAM*:

After Robato Hatohara demonstrates his perfect swing, famous high school golfer Yozan Miura declares him to be his rival! But for their rivalry to actually grow, Robo needs to join the golf club and become a regular. A second-year student and regular, Rion Osanai, takes Robo under his wing to accomplish this goal and help him get a score in the seventies before the training camp. Having heard of Robo's triumph over Yozan, Tohoku International's Kyosuke Suzuaku, a.k.a. "the Emperor," challenges Robo to play against him in a practice match. On the 18th hole of the match, the schools are tied with a score of 13 under. Robo and Kyosuke are the last to tee off, and Robo wins it for Eiai with an eagle. After the match, it's revealed that Tohoku International was most likely holding back—especially Suzaku—and that their team has a long way to go if they want to beat them in a real match. Robo returns to his normal school life determined more than ever to beat Suzaku and Yozan, and declaring that he really does find golf fun! With the training camp coming up, Robo spends a day with his friends picking up supplies. But suddenly, Suzaku reaches out to him and invites him and his friends to go watch Yozan play!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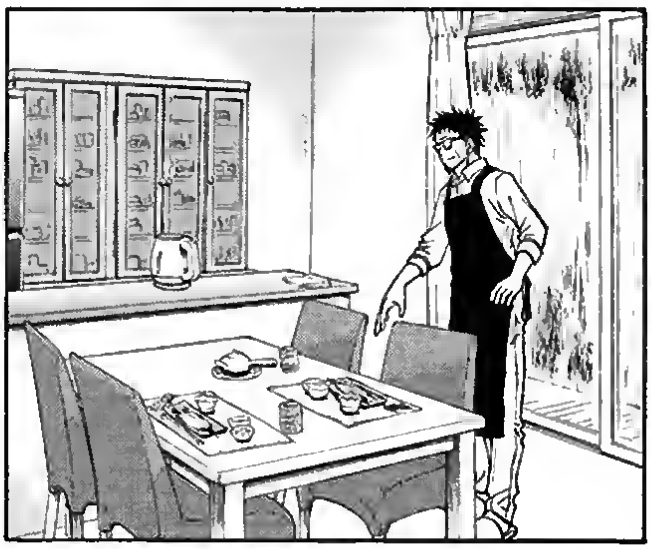
NEXT IS...



AND RICE!

Oops I'm gonna ruin the flavor.
...THE MISO SOUP!
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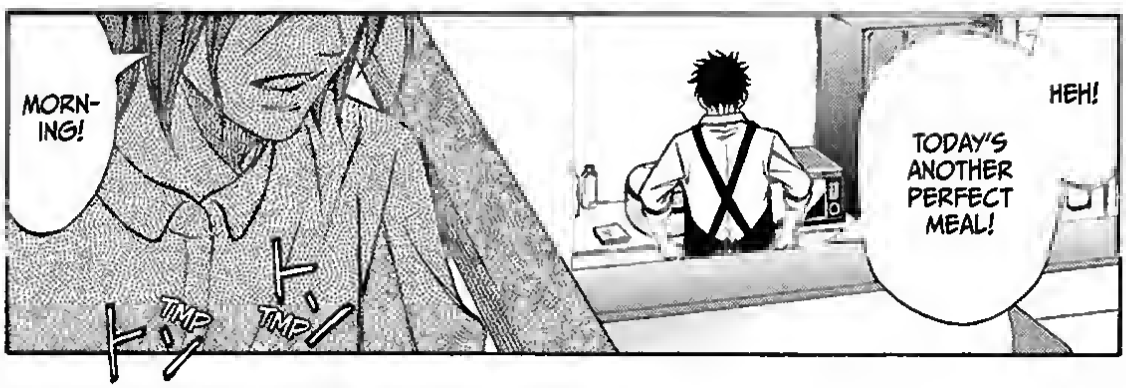
MORN-ING!
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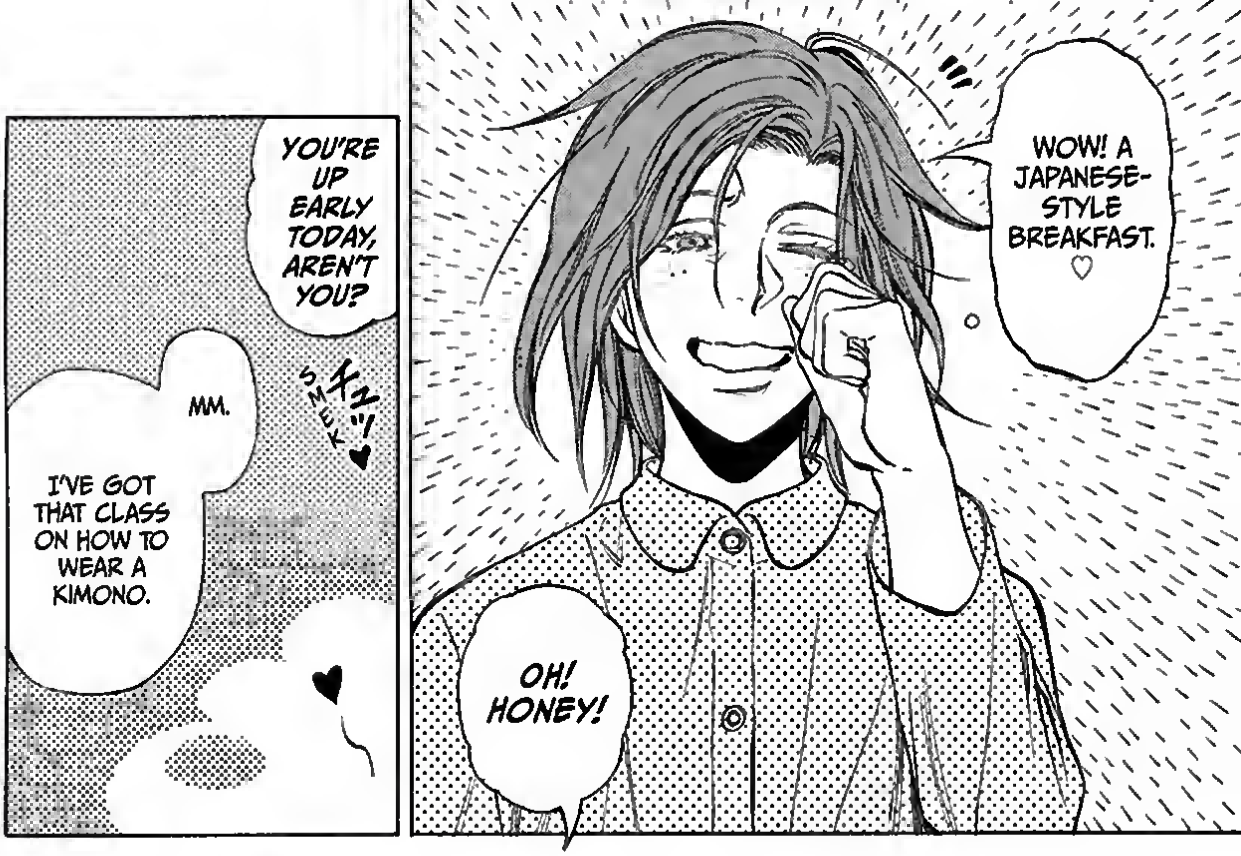
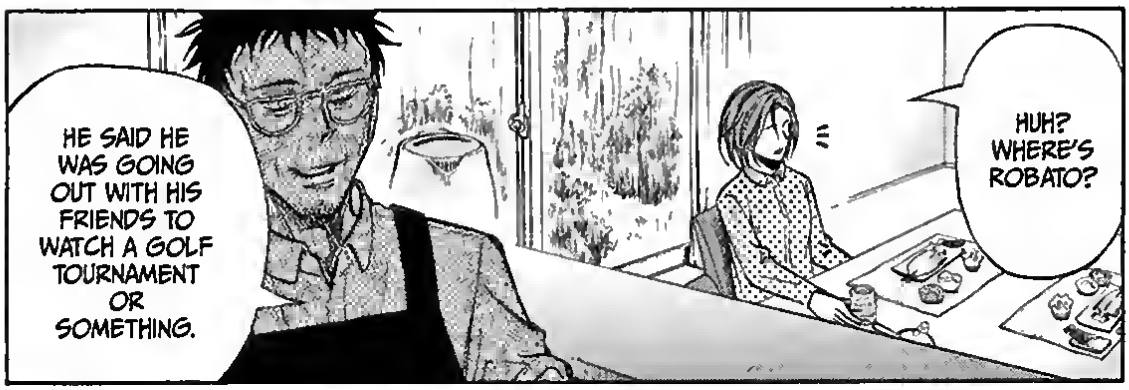
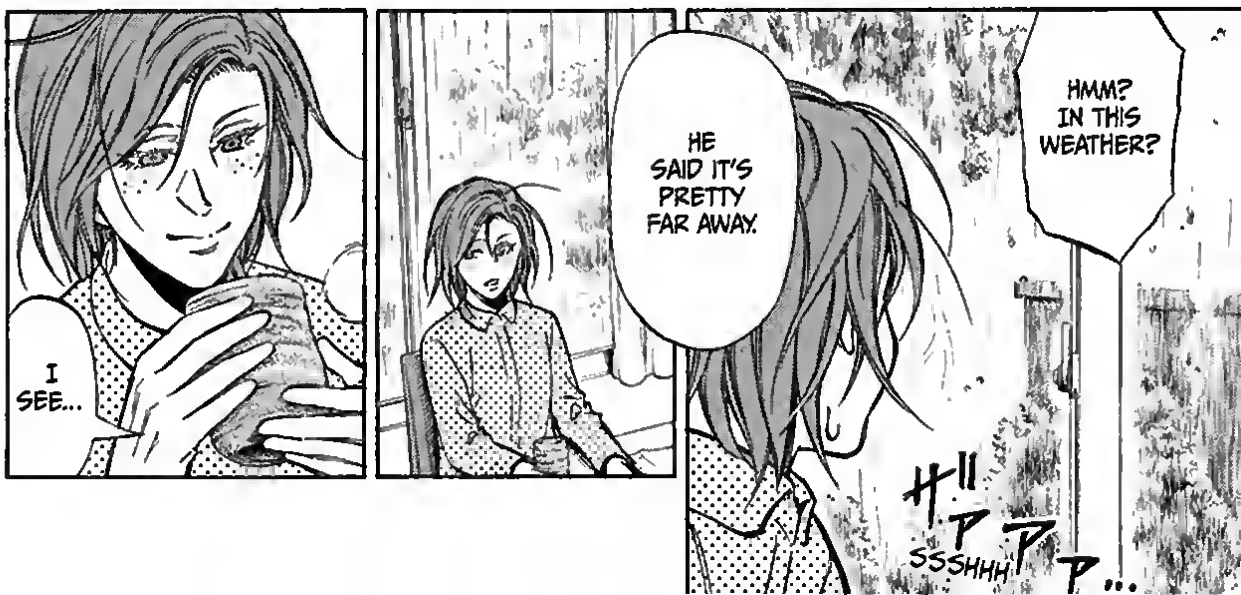
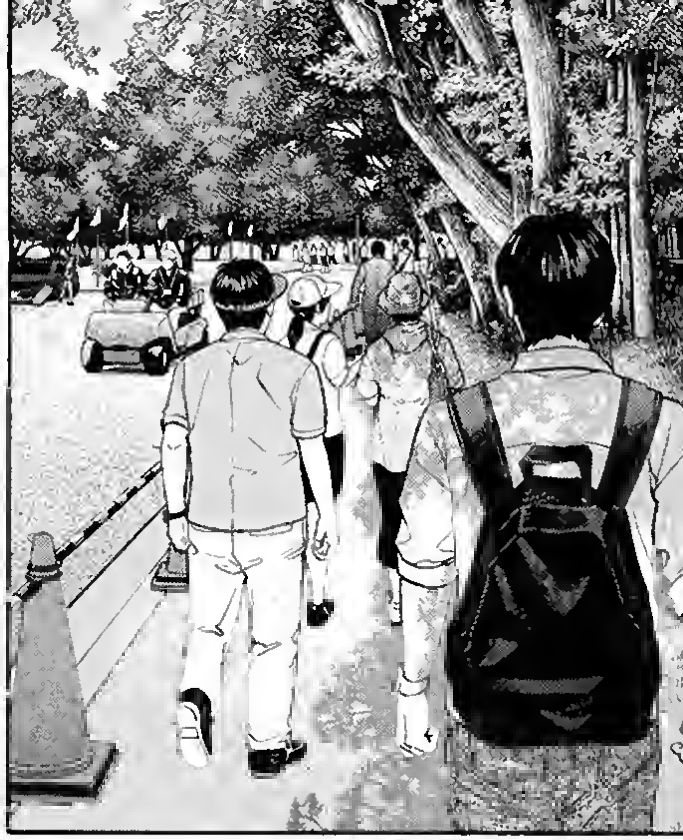
HEH!
TODAY'S ANOTHER PERFECT MEAL!


WOW! A JAPANESE-STYLE BREAKFAST. ♡
OH! HONEY!
YOU'RE UP EARLY TODAY, AREN'T YOU?
MM.
SMEUK
I'VE GOT THAT CLASS ON HOW TO WEAR A KIMONO.


HUH? WHERE'S ROBATO?
HE SAID HE WAS GOING OUT WITH HIS FRIENDS TO WATCH A GOLF TOURNAMENT OR SOMETHING.


HMM? IN THIS WEATHER?
HE SAID IT'S PRETTY FAR AWAY.
I SEE...
SSSHHH

Round 27: The World of Pros



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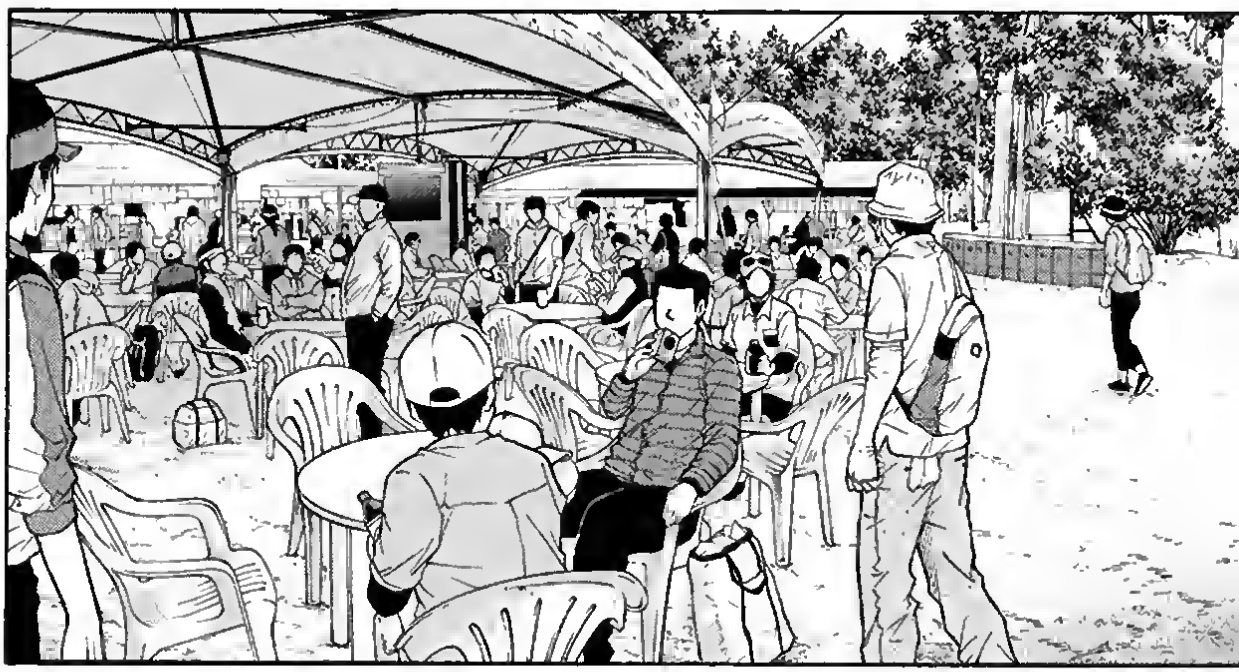
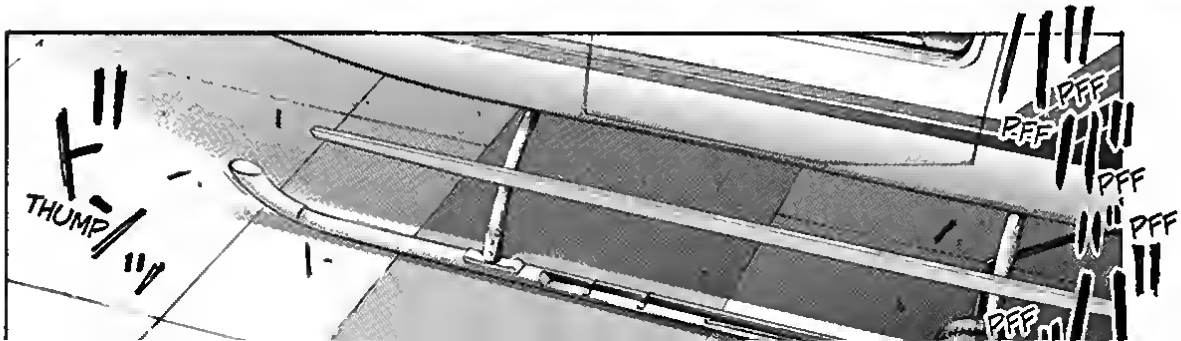
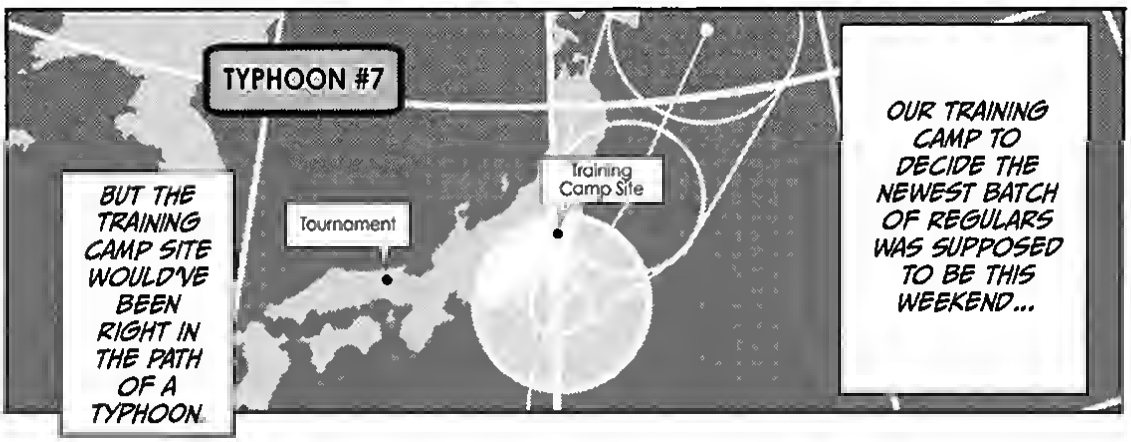




TODAY I'M AT A PROFESSIONAL TOURNAMENT KNOWN AS THE SANY YOTSUBA OPEN.


TYPHOON #7
Tournament
Training Camp Site
BUT THE TRAINING CAMP SITE WOULD'VE BEEN RIGHT IN THE PATH OF A TYPHOON.
OUR TRAINING CAMP TO DECIDE THE NEWEST BATCH OF REGULARS WAS SUPPOSED TO BE THIS WEEKEND...

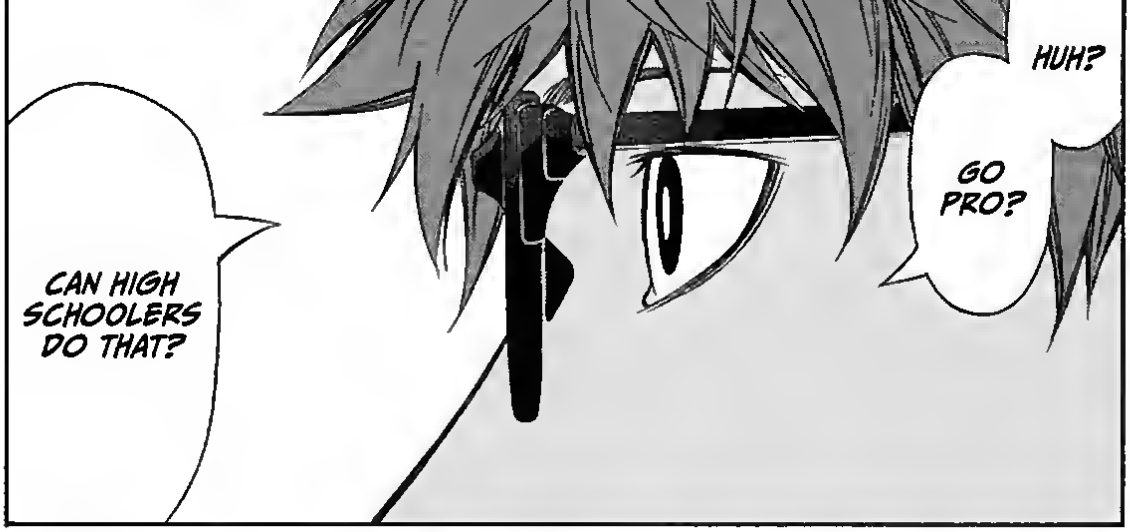
...IT WAS DECIDED THAT WE'D POSTPONE THE CAMP BY A WEEK.
WITHOUT ANY TIME TO LOOK FOR A SUBSTITUTE GOLF COURSE...

AND SINCE YOZAN-KUN WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN THE EVENT, WELL...HERE WE ARE...
WE HEARD THE NEWS JUST AFTER SUZAKU-SAN INVITED US TO THIS EVENT.

HUH?!
YOZAN-KUN'S IN THE LAST GROUP?!
BUT TODAY'S THE LAST DAY, ISN'T IT?!
?
YO-KUN'S IN THE LAST GROUP, SO WE'VE GOT A LOT OF TIME BEFORE HE STARTS.
OOPS. LOOKS LIKE WE'RE A LITTLE EARLY.

WHAT'S SO AMAZING ABOUT BEING IN THE LAST GROUP?
PROFESSIONAL TOURNAMENTS LAST FOUR DAYS.*
THE THIRD AND FOURTH DAYS START IN THE ORDER OF WORST TO BEST!

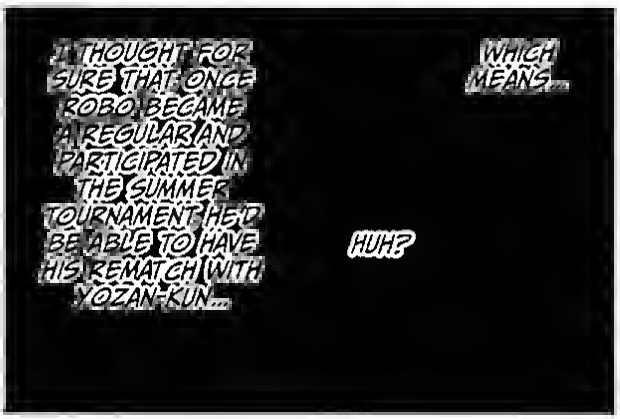
*The first and second days are the preliminary rounds while the third and fourth days are the final rounds. The preliminary round has a cutoff and only players who pass it continue on to the final round.

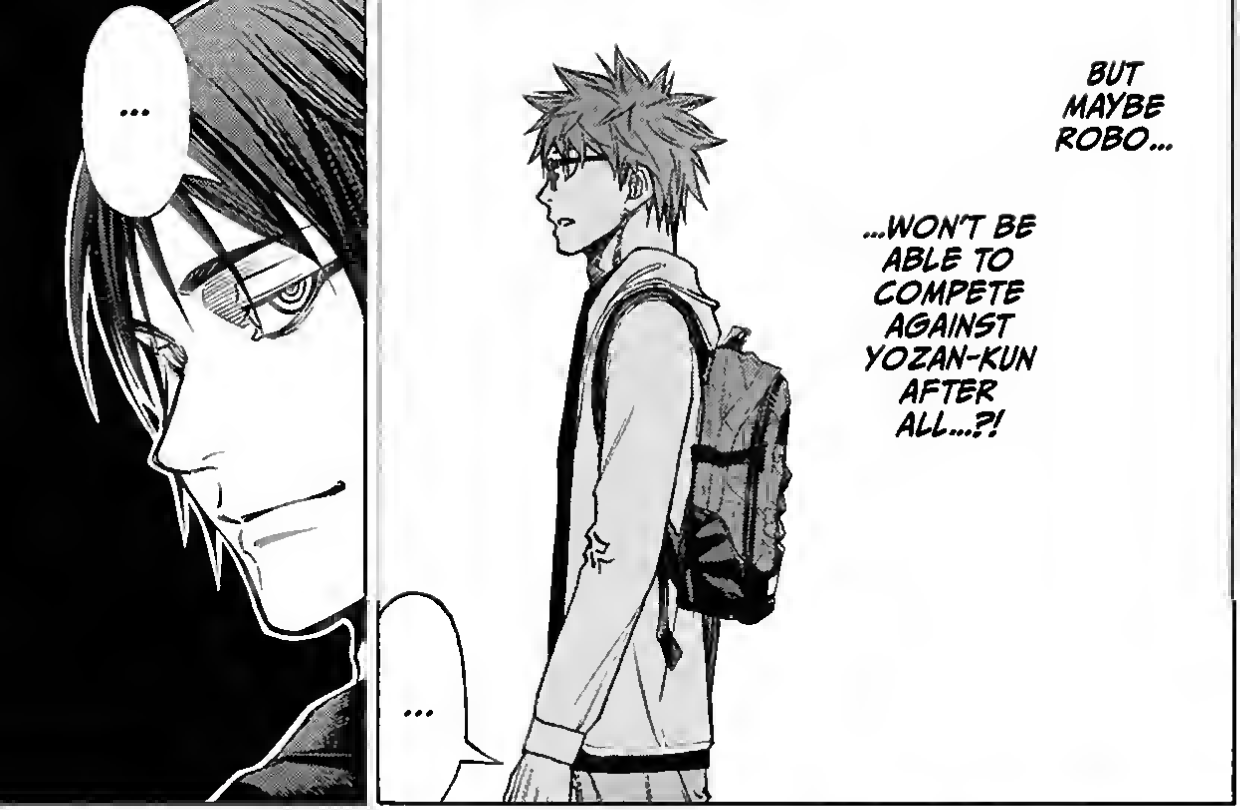

HUH?
GO PRO?
CAN HIGH SCHOOLERS DO THAT?

YOU BET THEY CAN.
THERE ARE A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT WAYS, BUT...
...BASICALLY ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS GET PRO-LEVEL SCORES AND DECLARE YOU'RE GOING PROFESSIONAL.
IF YOU WIN, NOBODY'S GOING TO COMPLAIN.

IF HE GOES PRO, THEN... HE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN AMATEUR TOURNAMENTS.
BUT...
WAIT A SEC-OND.

WOW !!
THEN YOU'RE SAYING HE COULD WIN PRIZE MONEY IN THE TENS OF MILLIONS?!
AND MORE! IF HE KEEPS GETTING GOOD SCORES.


I THOUGHT FOR SURE THAT ONCE ROBO BECAME A REGULAR AND PARTICIPATED IN THE SUMMER TOURNAMENT HE'D BE ABLE TO HAVE HIS REMATCH WITH YOZAN-KUN...
WHICH MEANS...
HUH?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...WON'T BE ABLE TO COMPETE AGAINST YOZAN-KUN AFTER ALL...?!
BUT MAYBE ROBO...

FEEL FREE TO EXPLORE THE GALLERY PLAZA, WHERE THEY'RE SELLING MERCHANDISE AND FOOD.
OKAY, THEN... LET'S SPLIT UP AND DO OUR OWN THING TO KILL TIME.

...WHATEVER YOU DO, JUST BE BACK IN TIME FOR YO-KUN'S START.
YOU CAN ALSO WATCH THE OTHER PROS PLAYING THEIR ROUNDS, BUT...
IF YOU GO TO THE RANGE, YOU CAN WATCH THE PROS PRACTICING BEFORE THEY START.

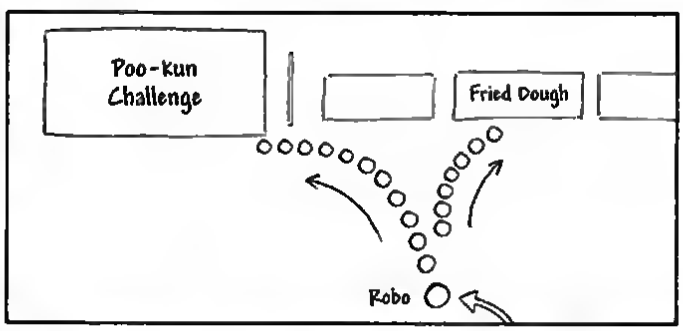
*Sign: Fried Dough

YOU REALLY LIKE THAT FRIED BREAD, DON'T YOU?
HUH? UH... SURE.
But why are they selling that anyway?
そわ SCOOT
SCOOT そわ
THEY'RE SELLING FRIED DOUGH.
MIND IF I BUY SOME?
そわ SCOOT

ALL RIGHT! ANYONE WHO THINKS THEY'VE GOT WHAT IT TAKES, COME ON DOWN AND TAKE THE CHALLENGE!
THE SPONSOR OF THIS TOURNAMENT, THE TOILET MANUFACTURER POPO, INVITES YOU...
...TO TAKE THE POO-KUN CHALLENGE!
HIT THE BALL AND SEE IF YOU CAN STRIKE THE CLAY VERSION OF OUR MASCOT, POO-KUN, THAT WE HAVE STRUNG UP 100 YARDS AWAY!
IF YOU SUCCEED, THEN GET THIS! YOU'LL WIN THE POROROCA CP-5, OUR NEWEST PRODUCT WITH BUILT-IN BIDET!
I CAN'T BELIEVE THEY HAVE THAT HERE! AND WHAT A CRAZY NAME FOR A TOILET!!
ALSO, YOUR STROKE WILL BE MEASURED WITH A STATE-OF-THE-ART TRAJECTORY MEASURING INSTRUMENT!
OOH! THE NEXT CHALLENGER UP IS A HIGH SCHOOLER!

WHAT'RE YOU DOING, ROBO?!
WAIT, WHAT ...?
IT'S ROBATO HATO-HARA.
HUH?
WHAT'S YOUR NAME, SON?

OKAY.
AFTER A SHORT BREAK, LET'S GO AROUND AND VISIT THE GROUPS OF NOTE.


Poo-kun Challenge
Fried Dough
Robo

I WANNA GO WITH YOZAN-KUN'S GROUP.
HEY.
BOOOOO

I'LL HIT UP THE LAST GROUP.
YOU GO WITH THE GROUP JUST BEHIND THEM.
AAAW.

THE GROUP YOU'LL BE WITH HAS ALL TOP-RANKING PLAYERS. THEY HAVE A REAL SHOT AT WINNING THIS THING!
BUT THERE AREN'T ANY HOTTIES IN THAT GROUP.
DON'T GO CHOOSING THE TARGET OF YOUR INTERVIEW BASED ON THEIR LOOKS, YOU IDIOT!
Take your job more seriously!
プレスルーム
PRESS

HM?
HATO-HARA ...?

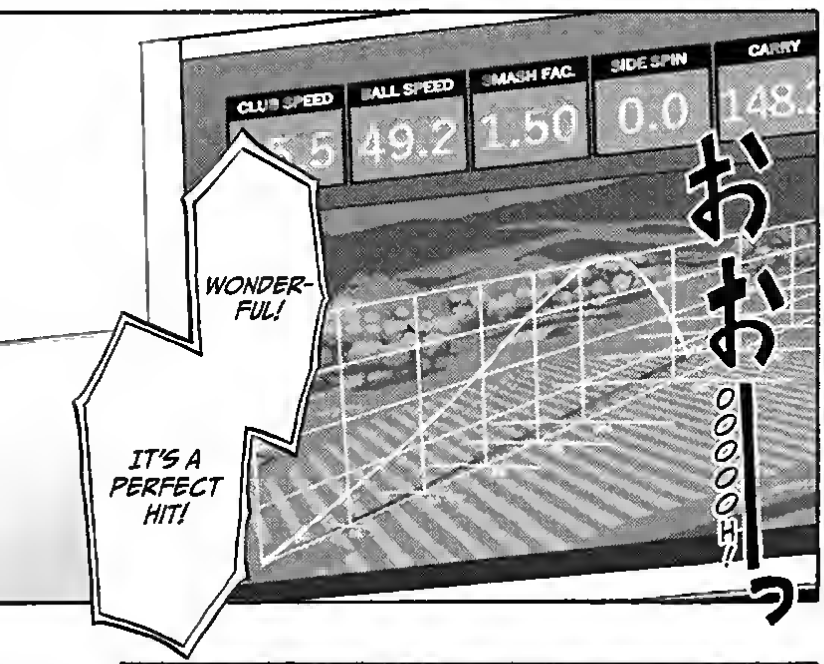
OKAY, HATOHARA-KUN! LET'S SEE WHAT YOU'VE GOT!

I KNOW. YEAH.
A LOT OF TIME HAS PASSED!
ANYWAY, JUST GET THIS OVER WITH QUICK!

I GUESS I GOT IN THE WRONG LINE.
HOLD ON A SECOND! WHAT'RE YOU DOING, ROBO?!

THAT STROKE JUST NOW...
HUH ...?
OOOH! AMAZING!!
WOOSH

THIS GAME IS DIRTY!
IT'S A HIT!
WOULD YOU LOOK AT THAT! POO-KUN'S SPLATTERED ALL OVER THE PLACE!
BOOM


CLUB SPEED
BALL SPEED
SMASH FAC.
SIDE SPIN
CARRY
49.2
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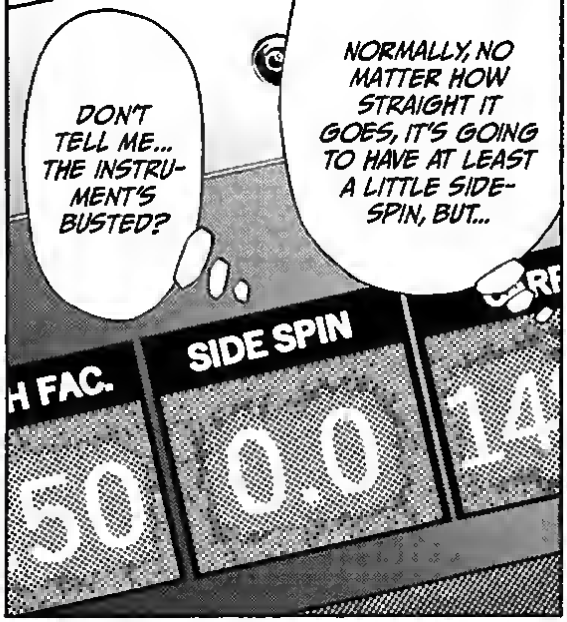
WONDER-FUL!
IT'S A PERFECT HIT!

WAAAAH!
CONGRATU-LATIONS!
NOW LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT THE RESULTS OF THE TRAJECTORY MEASURING INSTRUMENT!

HUH ...?


DON'T TELL ME... THE INSTRUMENT'S BUSTED?
NORMALLY, NO MATTER HOW STRAIGHT IT GOES, IT'S GOING TO HAVE AT LEAST A LITTLE SIDE-SPIN, BUT...
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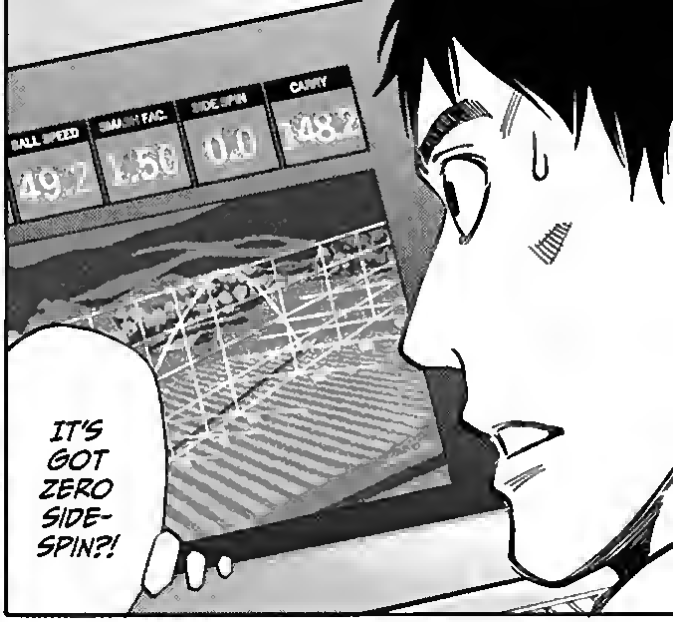
BALL SPEED
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IT'S GOT ZERO SIDE-SPIN?!

We can't carry that thing home!
I'M SORRY, BUT WE'LL HAVE TO REFUSE!
WAIT, HE GETS IT RIGHT NOW?!
AND NOW, HERE YOU GO! YOUR PRIZE, THE POROROCA CP-5!

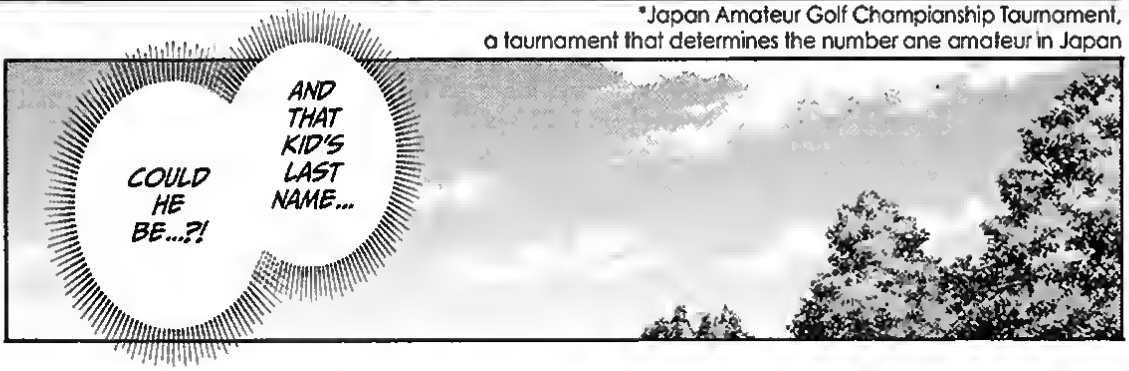
I'VE SEEN THAT SWING BEFORE ...
IN FACT, IT'S A PERFECT COPY.
NOTH-ING...

AH!
EXCUSE ME, KID...
Right.
Let's go, Robo!

WHAT'S THE MATTER?
THERE THEY GO.

SHIMON HATOHARA ...!!
THE STRONGEST AMATEUR, WHO WAS SAID TO BE BETTER THAN ANY PRO.
WITH HIS WEAPON OF A STRAIGHT BALL THAT HAD UNMATCHED ACCURACY, HE WON THE JAPANESE AM. FIVE STRAIGHT SEASONS.

*Japan Amateur Golf Champianship Tournament, a tournament that determines the number one amateur in Japan



UM... I KNOW IT'S A LITTLE LATE TO ASK, BUT WHY DID YOU INVITE ME IN THE FIRST PLACE?
HM ...?
HEH HEH... I'M GLAD YOU ASKED.

THIS IS YOUR FIRST TIME WATCHING A PROFESSIONAL MATCH, RIGHT?
YES.

SO I'LL FORGO CRUSHING YOU UNTIL THAT DAY COMES.
YES.
BUT I SENSE THAT I'LL BE BATTLING YOU ONE DAY ON AN EVEN BIGGER STAGE.
YOU REMEMBER WHAT I SAID IN THE BATH AFTER THE PRACTICE MATCH?

SO YOU SHOULD SEE THIS.

ROBO...
...GOING PRO?!

I MEANT THE PROFESSIONAL STAGE WHEN I SAID THAT.
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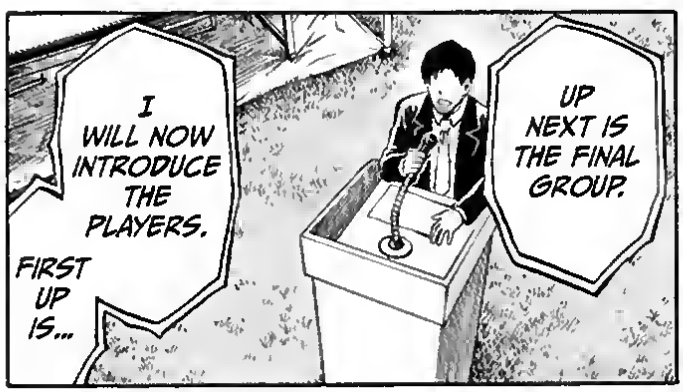
I WILL NOW INTRODUCE THE PLAYERS.
FIRST UP IS...
UP NEXT IS THE FINAL GROUP.

TO BE CONTINUED...